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SUBJECT: TENERIFE AIR DISASTER DEATH CERTIFICATES FOR
PAA VICTIMS

1. THREE HUNDRED AND TWENTY SIX ORIGINAL INDIVIDUAL
DEATH CERTIFICATES FOR VICTIMS OF PAA IAR CRASH WERE
PRESENTED TO EMBASSY AFTERNOON OF APRIL 5, 1977 BY
PAA ATTORNEY IN MADRID MR. J. MONTEIL. FOR
DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION, ALL CERTIFICATES WERE
ISSUED BY THE CIVIL REGISTRAR AT SAN CRISTOBAL DE LA
LAGUNA, SANTA CRUZ DE TENERIFE. CANARY ISLANDS SPAIN
AND ARE DATED MARCH 31, 1977 ALL ARE CERTIFICATIONS
OF THE EXTRACT OF THE REGISTRATION OF DEATH ON FILE
IN THAT OFFICE, AND MAKE NO MENTION OF PRESUMPTIVE
DEATH. ALL BUT ONE OF THE CERTIFICATES LIST CAUSE OF
DEATH AS FOLLOWS" CARBONIZATION (AIR ACCIDENT)"
THE OTHER CERTIFICATE ISSUED IN THE NAME OF MERVIN
WATERS A SURVIVOR WHO LATER DIED IN A TENERIFE
HOSPITAL, LISTS THE CAUSE OF DEATH AS "TRAUMATIC SHOCK
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(AIR ACCIDENT)" POST FORWARDED A COPY OF ONE
OF THE DEATH CERTIFICATES TO SCS ON APRIL 6TH FOR ITS
INFORMATION. NAMES ON SPANISH CERTIFICATES, WHEN
WHEN COMPARED AVAILABLE PASS LIST APPEAR TO BE REASONABLY
ACCURATE.

2. EMBASSY NOTED THAT PANAM HAS LISTED NATIONALITIES

OF SOME VICTIMS OF CRASH HALF OF WHOM WERE CREW MEMBERS. THEY ARE: FRANCOISE COLBERT DE BEAULIEU. CREW FRENCH: MARI AIS, CREW JAPANESE SACHIKO YOSHIO. CREW JAPANESE: SARP AYSEL, CREW TURKISH, AND CHRISTINE EKELUND, CREW SWEDISH. PASSENGERS OF OTHER THAN US NATIONALITY WERE, MRS. ELIZABETH CAZA, CANADIAN. DRM WALTER MITCHEL CANADAIN MRS. EVONNE MITCHELL. CANADIAN MRS. AYAKO TANEMURA, CANADIAN AND MR ANTHONY DEGLYANIS, GREEK.

3. WITH REGARD NOTARIZATION OF CERTIFICATES EMBASSY ATTACHED TRANSLATION OF CERTIFICATE TO EACH ORIGINAL WITH EYELETS AND NOTARIZED EACH ON APRIL 5 WITH TRANSLATOR'S OATH UNDER SIGNATURE OF CONSULAR OFFICER AND EMBASSY SEAL. CERTIFICATES WERE TURNED OVER TO PANAM REPRESENTATIVE MADRID WHO ADVISED EMBASSY THAT NOTARIZED DEATH CERTIFICATES ARRE TO BE FLOWN TO US APRIL 6 FOR USE OF NOK.

4. FOR THE RECORD, PANAM ATTORNEY ADVISED CONSULAR OFFICER APRIL 6 THAT 326 COPIES OF THE INDIVIDUAL DEATH CERTIFICATES ACCOMPANIED THE REMAINS APART FROM THE COMPREHENSIVE CERTIFICATE LISTING ALL OF THE PANAM VICTIMS WHICH ACCOMPANIED REMAINS AND WHICH WAS ATTACHED TO THE COUNSULAR MORTURY CERTIFICATE. THIS WAS FIRST INDICATION GIVEN TO EMBASSY THAT ANY INDIVIDUAL DEATH CERTIFICATES MIGHT ALREADY BE IN US ACCORDING TO ATTORNEY CERTIFICATES MAY HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO PANAM REPRESENTATIVE ON TENERIFE/DOVER FLIGHT UNCLASSIFIED

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MR. SCHEER, BUT PANAM HERE IS NOT CERTAIN.

5. PANAM ATTORNEY MADRID ALSO REPORTED THAT JEWELRY AND OTHER PERSONAL ITEMS, SUCH AS CAMERA EQUIPMENT EITHER TAKEN DIRECTLY FROM REMAINS OR REMOVED FROM THE CRASH SITE NEAR INDIVIDUAL VICTIMS, WERE SET ASIDE FROM THE OTHER PANAM PERSONAL EFFECTS BUT GIVEN TO PANAM REPRESETATIVE WHO ACCOMPANIED REMAINS TO DOVER ON APRIL 3 BY SPANISH AUTHORITIES IN TENERIFE PRIOR TO AIRCRAFT DEPARTURE. WITH REGARD JEWELRY AND OTHER PERSONAL ITEMS BELONGING TO SURVIVORS, MEMBER OF EMBASSY TEAM WHO WAS ON TENERIFE REPORTS THAT HOSPITALS INVOLVED TURNED OVER TO HIM ENVELOPS CONTAINING JEWELRY AND OTHER PERSONAL ITEMS BELNGING TO SURVIVORS. THESE ENVELOPES GIVEN TO MEDICAL OFFICER ABROAD MEDEVAC AIRCRAFT PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FOR US HOSPITALS MADE BRIEF INVENTORY OF ITEMS, AND SOME ITEMS WERE ALSO IDENTIFIED AS PROPERTY OF INDIVIDUAL SURVIVORS. TEAM OFFICER NOT SURE WHETHER MEDEAVA OFFICER HAS ANY

LISTS. COPY OF HOSPITAL INVENTORIES POUCHED TO SCS
APRIL 6 ALONG WITH COPY SPANISH DEATH CERTIFICATES.EATON

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